



HALIBUT POINT STATE PARK

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation
Gott Ave. and Rt. 127, Rockport, MA 01966

JULY 2017 PROGRAMS

All programs are free to the public; reasonable accommodations upon request. An adult must accompany children. Unless otherwise noted, programs meet at the parking lot kiosk.

QUARRY TOUR

Saturdays, July 1 & 8 and Tuesdays, July 11 & 18, 10:00-11:00am

The history of stone quarrying in America and tour the Babson Farm Quarry. Program entails about one mile of walking on graded trails. Bring sunscreen, good footwear, clothing layers and hydration. Rain cancels.

READING THE GRANITE LANDSCAPE

Sundays, July 2, 9 & 23, 10:00-11:00am

The natural history of granite, told via the bedrock at Halibut Point, describing how geology, geomorphology, plant community interactions, environmental forces and human history merge into the landscape we see today. Program entails about one mile of walking on graded trails. Bring sunscreen, good footwear, clothing layers and hydration. Rain cancels.

BIRDING FOR BEGINNERS

Sunday, July 16, 8:00-10:00am

Meet Peter Van Demark in the parking lot. Bring sunscreen, good footwear, clothing layers and hydration. Easy walking, up to two miles.

DRAGONFLIES IN THE PARK

Mondays, 9:00-10:00am

Explore the world of odonata, one of the oldest life forms on Earth. This is a great kids' program and most appropriate for families. Program entails about one mile of walking on graded trails. Bring sunscreen, good footwear, clothing layers and hydration. Rain cancels.

TIDEPOOLS

Wednesday, July 12, 10:00-11:00am & July 26, 10:00-11:00am

Down to the sea for some inter-tidal exploration. Bring sunscreen, good footwear, clothing layers and hydration. Rain or threat of it cancels.

STARGAZING

Saturday, July 22, 8:00-10:00pm

With the Gloucester Area Astronomy Club. Takes place outside the Visitor Center. No telescope necessary, there will be plenty on hand. Clouds or rain cancels. Bring insect repellent.

GRANITE YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Saturday, July 29 1:00-2:30pm

Before the existence of power tools, do you know how long it took a stone cutter to drill a hole by hand? What is the difference between a cobblestone and a paving block? Join Terry Dutton, of D&D Masonry in Lanesville, to learn answers to these questions and more. Join us for insight on the granite industry of yesteryear, and how granite is still used today. In addition to a children's activity table, Fred Peterson will share quarry tales and his collection of vintage quarrymen's tools. Meet at the Visitor Center. No walking. Bring sunscreen. Sponsored by the Friends of Halibut Point State Park.

THE ATLANTIC PATH

Sunday, July 30 1:00-4:00pm

Join us for this trek along Rockport's resplendent Atlantic Path. Starting from our parking lot, this program is a three-hour, somewhat challenging trek along the rocky coastline from Halibut Point to the Emerson Inn – and back. Please consider that this hike entails some bouldering along the rocks; also consider not wearing shorts due to sections of thicket and pesky insects and be mindful that there are no amenities along the route. Also make sure you have hydration and insect repellent. The Atlantic Path features great bird-watching, wonderful geology, tidepools, awesome views and an interesting history.

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